# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7509
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DRAFT ELECTRICITY BILL
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Eastern Region States are opposing the Draft Electricity Bill, 2000 and suggested some amendments to it;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) to (c) : The Draft Electricity Bill, 2000 as submitted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research(NCAER)has been circulated to all concerned. From the Eastern Region, comments have been received from State of Orissa and the Eastern Regional Electricity Board (EREB), Calcutta.The Government of Orissa have made suggestions on matters relating to the powers to issue policy guidelines involving public interest, on provisions relating to subsidy to the utilities etc. The Eastern Regional Electricity Board, Calcutta have observed, inter alia, that the Regional Electricity Boards in their present formshave been serving useful purpose and that they should be continued.

The draft submitted initially by the NCAER has undergone changes and refinement after taking into account the various comments and views received.